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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. ON APRIL 29, CHARGE' RAISED THE VIETNAM RESETTLEMENT PROBLEM WITH MINISTER WALTER GARDINI, VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MFA, EXPRESSING U.S. HOPE THAT OTHER STATES WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT SOME REFUGEES.

2. ACCORDING TO GARDINI, IN THE ABSENCE OF A FORMAL MECHANISM IN THE GOI TO HANDLE THIS ISSUE, THE MFA HAS MADE SOME AD HOC DECISIONS BY WHICH THOSE VIETNAMESE NOW IN ITALY WHO HAVE SPONSORS HERE HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO REMAIN. IN THE CASE OF THOSE STILL IN VIETNAM WHO HAVE CLOSE FAMILY TIES IN ITALY OR ARE OTHERWISE SPONSORED, THE MFA HAS INSTRUCTED THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN SAIGON TO FACILITATE TRAVEL TO ITALY WITH OR WITHOUT THE USUAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. A TOTAL OF ABOUT A HUNDRED REFUGEES ARE SO FAR INVOLVED.

3. GARDINI INDICATED PRESIDENT LEONE'S WIFE HAS TAKEN INITIATIVE TO ENCOURAGE ENTRY OF ORPHANS. THOUGH THE MFA IS NOT CERTAIN OF THE LEGAL GROUND FOR SUCH ENTRY, SOME (ABOUT 25-
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30) HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED ON THE BASIS OF PLANNED ADOPTION BY

ITALIAN CITIZENS FOLLOWING DECLARATIONS BY VIETNAMESE LAWYERS.
IN THESE CASES APPARENTLY SOME PAPER WORK HAD ALREADY BEEN
INITIATED TOWARD ADOPTION.

4. GOI HAS TAKEN NO POLICY DECISION TO DEAL WITH VIETNAM
REFUGEES AND THE PROBLEM IS POLITICALLY COMPLICATED BY THE
PRESENCE OF A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF DISPLACED CHILEANS IN
ITALY (SEE SEPTEL). THROUGH ITS AD HOC APPROACH, HOWEVER,
THE GOI SEEMS TO BE DOING WHAT CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED.
TO DO SUBSTANTIALLY MORE WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE PARLIAMENTARY
ACTION, LEAD TO STRONG PCI AND OTHER OPPOSITION FROM THE LEFT,
AND A DEBATE THAT WOULD OBFUSCATE OTHER ISSUES GOI WOULD PRE-
FER SEE AT CENTER OF COMING ELECTION CAMPAIGN. BEAUDRY

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